DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage, of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice ...	7¼	5½ to 5¾	seers per rupee.
Ragi ...	20¼	10½ to 11	

Want of rain is much felt for the standing crops.

Cattle are in good condition. Water sufficient. Fodder is growing very dear.

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8. Market generally well supplied.

9. *Standing crops, viz.*, paddy and sugar-cane are reported to be fading in the Channapatna, Hoskote and Dodballapur Taluks, for insufficiency of water in tanks. Dry crops in the Kankanhalli Taluk are reported to have slightly improved on account of the recent rains. In other parts of the district, they are stated to be fading for want of rain. It is reported that dry crops in Bilidale village, Kankanhalli Taluk, are suffering from a disease known as "Hilukina Roga."

Crops harvested.—Early sown crops are being reaped in parts of the Bangalore Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season, which were rather gloomy, are now showing signs of improvement. Still rain-fall is insufficient throughout the district. Food stuffs are available in sufficient quantities, but their prices are stated to be as high as before.

11. Public health generally good, except that plague prevails in parts of the district, other than the taluks of Channapatna and Closepet.

12. Cattle are affected with "Dod Roga" in parts of the Kankanhalli, Magadi and Closepet Taluks. Drinking water is reported to be available all over the district, except in Kodihalli, where well-water is still being used for cattle. Fodder is reported to be available only in small quantities in the Dodballapur and Magadi Taluks. In the latter taluk, the scarcity of fodder is attributed to herds of cattle having come into the taluk for grazing purposes from the Kunigal and Tumkur Taluks.

KOLAR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops* are reported to be thriving in all taluks of the district except the taluks of Mulbagal, Bowringpet, Bagepalli and Goribidnur, where more rain is needed.

Crops sown.—Cholum in parts of the Goribidnur Taluk.

Crops harvested and their yield.—Savè in Bowringpet, Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli, yield 8 annas in each of these taluks.

Gid ragi in parts of Sidlaghatta, Bagepalli and Goribidnur, yield from 8 to 12 annas on the average.

Sajje in parts of Bowringpet, yield 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season unsatisfactory and more rain is still needed throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be very high.

11. Except for plague in the Kadadinahalli village, Malur Taluk, cholera in the Harati village, Kolar Taluk, and in parts of the Bowringpet Taluk, and small-pox in parts of the Mulbagal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. It is reported that Rinderpest is prevailing in parts of the Sidlaghatta, Bagepalli and Goribidnur Taluks. Water available. Fodder is just sufficient.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in market insufficient.

9. *Standing crops* are reported to be withering in the Sira, Gubbi, Pavagada, Kunigal, Tumkur and Tiptur taluks for want of rain. Paddy and nat-ragi under wells in the Maddagiri Taluk are in fair condition. Standing crops in Koratagere, Turuvekere and Chiknayakanhalli are in moderately good condition.

Crops sown.—Cholum in Sira and Turuvekere.

Crops harvested.—Nat ragi in Maddagiri, Sira and Pavagada; cholum in Maddagiri Gubbi and Koratagere; sugar-cane in Gubbi, Tiptur and Turuvekere; savè and navane in Maddagiri and Chiknayakanhalli; and paddy in Turuvekere.

10. Prospects of the season are not very encouraging. Food stuffs are available in sufficient quantities but their prices are very high. Rain is badly needed throughout the district.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy, except in certain villages of Tumkur, Maddagiri, Chiknayakanhalli and Tiptur, where they are suffering from "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga." Water and fodder for cattle are procurable only in limited quantities in the taluks of Tumkur, Maddagiri, Sira, Gubbi, Tiptur, Pavagada and Kunigal. They are sufficiently available at present in Chiknayakanhalli, Koratagere and Turuvekere. Date leaves are being used as fodder in Tiptur and Kunigal. Some cattle from the Kunigal Taluk have been taken for grazing purposes to the Magadi Taluk.

MYSORE.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands in parts of the Malvalli Taluk are being ploughed and made ready for sowing Bengal gram.

Standing crops.—Have greatly improved by the recent rains and it is reported that they are in moderately good condition in all the taluks. But owing to failure of timely rains in parts of the Mandya Taluk, the outturn of crops there is estimated at less than 8 annas.

Crops sown.—Bengal gram and coriander in parts of the Seringapatam Taluk, and horse gram, Bengal gram and alasandi in parts of the Nanjangud Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season generally good. Food stuffs sufficient for the present, but their prices are on the rise.

11. Except for plague in a few places in the district, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy, but "Dod Roga" in parts of the Chamrajnagar and Gundlupet Taluks, and "Sappe Roga" in parts of the Yedatore Taluk are still prevailing. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Nagamangala Taluk, where stock of fodder is reported to have run short.

HASSAN.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Paddy in the Manjarabad and Arkalgud Taluks, and paddy and sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna Taluk are reported to be in somewhat good condition. The recent showers have done some good to the withering crops in the district. More rain is required still for all the crops in the district. It is reported that "Kondli Hula" is causing damage to castor plants in the Banavar, Kanakatte and Kasaba Hoblis of the Arsikere Taluk.

Crops sown.—Kulthi, gingelly and jola are being sown in parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk.

Crop harvested.—Ragi is being harvested in the Manjarabad Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season are not serious just at present but are causing anxiety owing to want of rain. Food grains are available, but their prices have risen high.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Hassan and Belur Taluks, public health is generally good.

12. Cattle are generally healthy. But "Dod Roga" exists still in parts of the Hassan, Manjarabad and Belur Taluks. Water and fodder are available, except in parts of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks. Cattle are being taken out from these taluks to kavals near Kadur, Tarikere and Belur for grazing them there.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops, viz.,* paddy and sugar-cane are in good condition in the Tirthahalli Taluk, whereas these and other crops in the remaining taluks of the district, are withering for want of rain. Dry crops in portions of the Shikarpur and Sorab Taluks have failed.

Crops harvested.—Karthika paddy is being harvested in portions of the Sorab Taluk; and arecanut is being gathered in the Nagar and Tirthahalli Taluks.

10. Prospects of the seasons not improved. Want of rain is being keenly felt. Food grains are available but their prices are on the rise.

11. Public health generally good. But plague continues still in Shimoga town and in a few of its neighbouring villages.

12. Water and fodder are available for the present, except in a few villages of the Holehonnur and Benkipur hoblis of the Shimoga Taluk, where their want is being much felt.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Sowing of Besige jola and horse gram in Chikmagalur and of coriander, Besige jola and Bengal gram in Tarikere is going on.

Standing crops:—

In Chikmagalur—Paddy, dod ragi, avare, togari, coffee, sugar-cane, gingelly, castor and horse gram.

In Kadur—Paddy, ragi, horse gram, jola, togari, avare, castor, chillies and sugar-cane.

In Tarikere—Paddy, ragi, horse gram, jola, togari, avare, navane, baragu, coriander, gingelly, sugar-cane, green gram and black gram.

In Koppa—Paddy, sugar-cane, areca, pepper, cardamom, coffee, ragi, and horse gram.

In Mudgere—Paddy, ragi, cardamom, sugar-cane, areca and coffee.

In Yedahalli—Paddy, sugar-cane, areca and coffee.

In Sringeri—Paddy and areca.

All these are reported to be reviving owing to recent showers all over the district. In some villages of the sivane Hobli, Tarikere Taluk, castor is reported to have been infected with "kondli" insects.

Crops harvested and their yield:—

Kadur—Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

Koppa—Cardamom and sugar-cane on a small scale.

Mudgere—Cardamom, yield 6 annas.

Sringeri—Areca on a small scale.

10. Prospects of the season fair. But more rain is urgently needed throughout the district. Food stuffs available, though their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for plague in a few villages of the Tarikere and Kadur Taluks, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. But "Dod Roga" is still prevailing in parts of the district. Water and fodder are generally available. But they are getting scarce especially in the maidan parts of the district. In some villages of the Bidre and Yagati Hoblis of the Kadur Taluk, it is reported that cattle are being fed on date leaves.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops.*—Such as ragi, jola, horse gram, togari, avare, navane, paddy, sugar-cane, sajje, castor, save, chillies, and cotton are reported to have been benefited to some extent by the recent showers. Crops under *kapile* wells and the Marikanave channels are in fair condition. Rain is urgently required for the standing crops throughout the district.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Jola in the Chitaldrug and Molakalmuru Taluks, yield from 4 to 12 annas; sugar-cane in the Chitaldrug Taluk, yield from 8 to 12 annas; ragi under *kapile* wells in the Challakere Taluk, yield from 4 to 6 annas; navane, sajje and sesamum in the Molakalmuru Taluk, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not encouraging. Food stuffs available.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Holalkere Taluk, where "Rinderpest" prevails. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Hosdurga, Challakere and Molakalmuru Taluks, where they are getting scarce.

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